Monitoring of ongoing Projects

521. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda (IEMs) were filed between August, 1991 and May, 1995 indicating proposed investment/letters of intent filed, with potential employment likely to be generated;

(b) whether Indian Industry have no hurdles at present for going globally competitive; and

(c) whether Government propose to monitor implementation of ongoing projects on an individual basis in all States and have called for up-to-date status of these proposals for which entrepreneurs have taken effective steps as reported in the 'Financial Express' dated 16th July, 1995?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Between August. 1991 to May, 1995 a total of 19793 IEMs with a proposed investments of Rs. 3,94,253 Crores have been filed. Besides a total of 2,046 Letters of Intent (LOIs) with proposed employment for 3,98,516 persons have been granted during this period.

(b) The thrust of New Industrial Policy has been to enable entrepreneurs to take investment decisions based on their own commercial perceptions with a greatly reduced role of the Government. Under the current economic reforms, various measures have already been taken to enable the domestic industry attain international competitiveness.

(c) Government have emphasised the need for greater focus on monitoring system specifically related to implementation of IEMs, particularly for those proposals for which entrepreneurs have taken active interest and effective steps.

Vanaspati plants in Gujarat

522. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Vanaspa Plants set up in Gujarat at present;

(b) whether Government propose to set up some more Vanaspati Plants in the State in near future;

(c) if so, the names of the places where these Plants are proposed to be set up; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) As per information available in the Directorate of Vanaspati, Vegetable Oils and Fats, Government of India, total number of Vanaspati Plants set up in Gujarat State at present is eleven.

(b) to (d) Vanaspati and vegetable oil industries have been de-licenced since 24th July, 1991. As such, no industrial licence is required for setting up of vanaspati plant under the provisions of Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, and Government has no proposal to set up more Vanaspati plants in the State.

Industry-Oriented Research by CSIR

523. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new Director-General of CSIR would like to give more emphasis on Industry-Oriented Research for C.S.I.R. Laboratories;

(b) whether it is a fact that similar debate was raised in early seventies;

(c) if so, why C.S.I.R. took so many years to realize the need of the country;

(d) whether C.S.I.R. can enforce a financial self-supporting mechanism on equal footing in view of the existing disparity within National Laboratories